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In re Application of: E. BOMBARDELLI et al.

Application No.: 10/019,252

Group Art Unit: 1625

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Examiner: B. Trinh

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FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002 in which the application was examined for restriction purposes only.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following remarks and election with traverse.

REMARKS

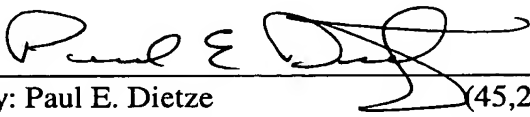
The Examiner required restriction between Group I, claims 11-30, 32-33, 36-37, 42-43, and 45, drawn to baccatin III derivatives and the process of making the same, classified in class 549, subclass 229; Group II, claims 31 and 44, drawn to oxazolidine derivatives and the process for making the same, classified in class 548, subclass 215; Group III, claims 34-35 and 38-41, drawn to baccatin III and V derivatives, classified in class 549, subclass 510. Applicant respectfully elects the claims of Group I with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Group I and the claims of Group III should be considered together since each set of claims refer to baccatin III derivatives which are then converted to baccatin V derivatives by the process of the invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the claims of Group I and the claims of Group III be considered together in this application.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this response. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds deposit account no. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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